

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

09/929,674

Applicant(s)

ABLER, JOSEPH H.

Examiner

Robert Madsen

Art Unit

1761

All Participants:

(1) Robert Madsen.

(2) George Haas.

Status of Application: Non-Final

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Date of Interview: 23 December 2004

Time: n/a

Type of Interview:

☒ Telephonic

☐ Video Conference

☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

Nelles US 4815368

Claims discussed:

Claims 38,42,50,53,54,55,56,58

Prior art documents discussed:

N/A

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.


(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: It was noted that although the specification provides support for transferring liquid from cell to cell, it does not disclose transferring horizontally per se. In order to place the application in condition for allowance, it was agreed to delete the newly added "horizontally" limitations in claims 38,40,42,53, and 54 and clarify cell structure in Claims 38,42, and 53 to include "with vertical walls between adjacent cells" This cell structure limitation overcomes Nelles '368. Additionally, claims 50 and claims 55 were cancelled, since they recited a limitation similar to the vertical wall limitation recited in claims 38,42,53. Additionally, claims 56 and 58 were amended to depend from the independent claim and not cancelled claims 55 and 50, respectively.